

Application No. 10/053,931
Election dated October 22, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 25, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 8 - 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse the claims in Group II, namely, Claims 8-14 drawn to a method of preparing a femur to receive a femoral stem. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications taking up the non-elected claims.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

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If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 219/424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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